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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Earl LeRoy ("Buddy") Carter; Buddy)
Carter for Congress and Carlton H.)
Hodges in his official capacity as)
treasurer; Friends of Buddy Carter for)
Senate and Mark Smith in his official)
capacity as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelley E. Garr, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on December 09, 2014, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to:

1. Dismiss the allegation that Respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A)); and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d) by transferring state funds or assets to the Federal Committee through payments to campaign staff and a consulting firm.
2. Dismiss the allegation that Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate and Mark Smith in his official capacity as treasurer (State Committee) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A)); and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d) by making impermissible transfers to Buddy Carter for Congress.
3. Dismiss the allegation that Buddy Carter for Congress and Carlton H. Hodges in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d) by accepting impermissible transfers from Friends of Buddy Carter for Senate.
4. Dismiss the allegation that Friends of Buddy Carter and Mark Smith in his official capacity as treasurer and Earl LeRoy ("Buddy") Carter violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(B) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(B)) by raising impermissible funds in connection with a non-federal election.

5. Dismiss the allegation that Earl LeRoy ("Buddy") Carter violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) and (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A)); and and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d).
6. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated October 30, 2014, last circulated by Commissioner Hunter's Office on 12/08/2014 and authorize OGC to make any necessary technical and conforming edits.
7. Approve the appropriate letter.
8. Close the file.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

December 12, 2014
Date

Shelley E. Gann
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Deputy Secretary of the Commission